

Remarks

Proposed Drawing Change

The drawings are objected to and the Examiner notes that a Figure must be added to show the apparatus in the claimed configuration, without the alternative cutting mechanisms.

A new Figure 4 is included herewith. Applicant respectfully believes that this replacement sheet meets the Examiner's requirements and does not add new matter. This new Figure 4 shows the invention without the alternative structure set forth on page 10 of the specification.

Proposed Specification Changes

The specification is amended to add a description of new Figure 4, and to note that the claims relate to the embodiment of the invention without the alternative structure. No new matter is added in these changes.

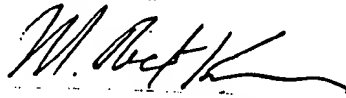
Discussion of the Claims

The Office Action of 04/01/2009 is a Quayle Action wherein claims 18, 39 and 40 are allowed. In a discussion with the Examiner, the Examiner stated that he would review and consider allowing the withdrawn claims that depended upon allowed claim 39. In the present Amendment, Applicant has cancelled all of the withdrawn claims that did not depend upon allowed claims 18, 39 and 40. Further, the claims that depended upon claim 39 (i.e., claims 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 29) are included herewith, with the status indicator "Previously Presented", rather than "Withdrawn". Applicant respectfully believes that these dependent claims should be also be allowable with claim 39.

Claim 40 has been amended to overcome the objections set forth by the Examiner.

Wherefore, further consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. A two-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action is hereby requested. PTO-2038 authorizing credit card payment for the amount of \$245 is enclosed for the prescribed Small Entity two-month extension fee.

Respectfully submitted,

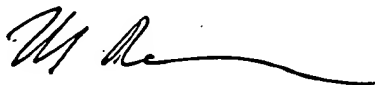


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